

**California Sportfishing Protection Alliance**

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"Restoring and Protecting California's Fishery Resources"

April 20, 2000

Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re. CALFED's Preferred Alternative

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

On behalf of the organizations listed below, I would like to express our concern regarding CALFED's "Preferred Alternative" and the negotiations between the state and federal government to reach an agreement on what CALFED will adopt as its solution to the problems that confront the Bay-Delta estuary and its fishery resources.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our "CALFED Fishery Priorities" document for your review. We have sent this document to other key decision makers to provide them with the top priority actions the fishing community would like accomplished by the end of Phase One of the CALFED program. This document represents what we believe to be a reasonable request for significant improvements in the condition of many of California's fishery resources that have been nearly destroyed by water development activities in California's Central Valley.

Given the critical stage of CALFED policy development, I would also like to request that a copy of the enclosed document be included in the next meeting package for the CALFED Policy Committee's review. Your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated

Sincerely,



John Beuttler,

For: Northern California Council - Federation of Fly Fishers, California Trout, Inc.,  
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, Trout Unlimited of California,  
California Striped Bass Association, and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance